

Claim Listing

5. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 4 further comprising the step of receiving at the server a client ready message indicating that the client is prepared to accept the substantive message.

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6. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein transmissions between the client and the server occur using HTTP protocol.
7. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein client side transmissions are implemented at least partly in HTML.
8. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein client side transmissions are implemented at least partly in JAVA.
9. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein client side transmissions are implemented at least partly as an ActiveX control.
10. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the request to establish the connection includes an identifier that uniquely represents a current client application.
11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting a substantive message includes the server transmitting as substantive messages to at least one client new offers and/or updates to offers in a trading application.
12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the step of transmitting a substantive message further includes the server transmitting between two clients counter offers and respective replies, such that instant messaging between the two clients is effectively provided.
13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting a substantive message further includes the server exchanging substantive messages between two clients and thereby providing instant messaging.
14. (Currently Amended) A computer network communications system comprising: